

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks. In this amendment, claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 10-14 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-9 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of co-pending application serial number 10/687,143. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9 without prejudice and added new claims 10-14. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot.

Claims 1-9 were rejected as being anticipated by co-pending application serial number 10/687,143. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9 and added new claims 10-14 which are clearly not anticipated by the co-pending reference.

A favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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